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Title: Modular Switch With Dynamic Bus

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action dated December 13, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

31. (Twice Amended) A modular switch, comprising:

a plurality of communication cards;

a plurality of backplane sub-buses each allocatable to one or more of the cards; and

at least one controller which is configurable to divide the cards into different numbers

of groups, such that the cards of the different groups do not transmit data to each other, wherein the at least one controller is further configurable to allocate the sub-buses to the cards based on bus demand values of the cards.

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